

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2010
7:00 PM**

Presentation of Colors-Flag Salute

Scouts' Oath

Proclamation presented by Mayor McHale recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America presented to Troop 1345, Troop 64, Pack 123 and Pack 131.

Sunshine Law: This meeting was postponed from February 16, 2010 and was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were e-mailed to the *Record* and the *Press Journal* February 17, 2010. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Borough website.

Roll Call:

Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor McHale-present

Motion to enter closed session for discussion of Collective Bargaining and Labor

Contracts: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented (Resolution #76 had been pulled during Executive Meeting): Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 12, 2010 Special Meeting minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Caspare-abstained

Motion to approve the January 12, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Caspare-abstained

Motion to approve the January 19, 2010 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky
 Second: Councilman Stylianou
 Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
 Motion to approve the January 19, 2010 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Stylianou
 Second: Councilman Carrick
 Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
 Motion to approve the January 19, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky
 Second: Councilman Stylianou
 Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
 Councilman Caspare-abstained
 Motion to approve the February 2, 2010 Executive Session minutes: Councilman Stylianou
 Second: Councilman Carrick
 Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
 Motion to approve the February 2, 2010 Closed Session minutes: Councilman Carrick
 Second: Councilman Manna
 Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
 Councilman Caspare-abstained

Administrator Perkins' Report

The PSE&G will conduct an energy audit on Borough facilities

A Community Development Block matching grant for parks improvements will be approved by the County Freeholders March 1st.

A Community Development Block application for ramps and stairs at the Library in the amount of \$175,000 outright was granted.

A new generator was installed at Fire Company #3 which will allow that firehouse to become the Borough's communication center in the event of an emergency at Borough Hall.

GovDeals.com is a state-authorized auction center for municipalities. We have put old DPW vehicles on this website and as of today all of those have sold. In the future, all other Borough departments will be able to use this website to sell items. The money will be used to offset other expenses.

FEMA has changed their regulations pertaining to reconsidering properties in flood plains.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Manna

The Councilman stated that the Borough has received 103 letters of intent to foreclose and twelve properties which are in foreclosure which magnified the state of the economy.

The Councilman attended a meeting held at the County regarding managing the geese population. The information has been given to the Environmental Commission and DPW.

Finance

The committee is reviewing each line item. There are many fixed cost increases which will have to be dealt with this year. The amount of state aid the Borough will receive has not been identified yet.

Police

The Chief received a letter from Bergenfield Chief Monaghan thanking the members of the Dumont Police Department for their assistance in the apprehension armed robbery suspects.

There was a letter of appreciation from a resident for Officer Flaherty's assistance.

The Dispatch Center received and handled 6,562 phone calls in January.

The Patrol Division investigated 33 motor vehicle accidents.

The Detective Bureau investigated 64 criminal cases.

Officer DiGirolamo continues to instruct DARE and GREAT programs in addition to the second grade Adopt-A-Cop Program.

- Councilman Carrick

DPW

There were 10 sewer jobs and 610 miles of street swept in the month of January.

The snow removal went very well. The streets looked great.

The mechanic serviced school buses and police, DPW, ambulance and fire vehicles.

Shade Tree Commission

The Councilman attended his first Shade Tree meeting. Arbor Day is scheduled for April 24th.

They are planning on planting 100 trees this year.

- Councilman Freeman

Joint Land Use Board

The Councilman and Mr. Abrahamsen will be reviewing the RFQ's of the professionals and will have a recommendation at the next meeting of the Board.

The Board has decided to move the Coachworks dispute regarding noise and fumes to the Mayor and Council for resolution.

Board of Education

Karen Valido has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by Councilman Carrick.

Library

Circulation in January was 11,935, an 8% increase from January, 2009.

Colleen Holdsworth informed the Board she can no longer serve as trustee due to time conflicts.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The Councilwoman read a letter from Donna Faulborn, the Senior Citizens Director, regarding the delay returning to the Senior Center due to repairs being done to the building. She wrote that Councilwoman Zamechansky, Mr. Perkins and Mayor McHale were constantly calling the owners, the Walshes, for information on the status of

the renovations. The owners had applied for HUD funding, which is a long process and held up the progress of the job. It was the owner's responsibility, not the Borough's, to pay for the repair to the Senior Center.

Last week the Seniors held their annual "Meet and Greet".

St. Patrick's Day Party is scheduled for March 17th.

Recreation

Work on Babe Ruth Field is almost completed. The reopening will be April 15th.

There will be a rededication-Babe Ruth Field will be renamed Veteran's Memorial Field.

Celebrations

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 27th at Memorial Park.

The shortened route last year for the Memorial Day Parade worked out much better with more participants. The route will remain unchanged for this year.

This year Dumont Day will be held September 11th. At 7:15PM there will be a candlelight ceremony in remembrance of 9/11.

- Councilman Caspare

Fire Department

There was a working fire on Manhattan Terrace. Nobody was hurt.

Ambulance Corps.

The Councilman went to a general meeting in order to meet many of the members.

- Councilman Stylianou

The Councilman attended the initial annual meetings of the Ethics Board, Rent Leveling Board and Environmental Commission last month.

5K Run

There is approximately \$1500 in the account already. The money goes to "Dumont Families in Need". The Dumont Police Department requested the course be changed. There will be a pre-race pasta dinner.

A resident, Mr. Dickon, has offered to contribute a cross made from World Trade Center steel. That will be made into a trophy given to the winner of the Run.

Another resident, Karen Bishop, has donated 750 American Flags for the Run.

Ordinances & Resolutions

As chairman of this committee, the Councilman has placed enactment of campaign reform at the top of the agenda.

The Mayor asked that the Ordinance Committee look into an ordinance regarding walking dogs in the park.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McHale commended the DPW for the fantastic job they did during the past snowstorms.

The Mayor is a trustee of the Open Space Committee and will therefore abstain from any vote. He applauded Councilman Freeman and Mr. Perkins in securing the \$175,000 grant for the Library.

Construction will begin soon on the New Milford, Virginia, Washington Avenue Intersection. The intersection will be closed for about a month. Traffic pattern maps are posted on the Borough website.

A constituent had brought up a question regarding the Citizen Service Act. The Mayor read into the record:

“Regarding the Citizen Service Act, the Local Finance 2009-24 reviewed the Citizen Service Act PL2009, c141. Since its release the Division has received questions asking if anyone appointed or reappointed to a Board, Commission or Authority must file a Citizen Leadership form prior to appointment. Local Finance stated that after review of the legislative history, discussion with advocates and with the Division of Law, local officials are advised that the completion of the form is *not* required for a person to be appointed under the act. The law intends to serve as a way for citizens interested in serving to make that interest known to elected officials but there is nothing in the law requiring it to use for individuals to Boards, Commissions or Authorities.”

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

- #10-71 “Read Across America” Endorsement *
 - #10-72 Bills List *
 - #10-73 2006 Parks Improvements Change Order #2 (-\$57,781.70) *
 - #10-74 Approval of Lincoln School PTO On-premise Merchandise Raffle to be held March 20, 2010; RL#314, ID# 109-5-30683 *
 - #10-75 Authorization of Execution of 2010 Crossing Guard Agreement *
 - #10-76 Authorization of Alaimo Group-Design and Construction Management for Columbia Park Improvements-\$59,500 **Pulled**
 - \$10-77 Approval of Elks Club 2010 Pull Tab Raffle, RL#315, ID#109-6-33628 *
 - #10-78 Authorization of T&M Associates-EIT Phase III Project-Permit Plans, Permit Application and Loan Applications Submission- \$83,500 *
 - #10-79 Authorization of Agreement for 2010 Green Communities Grant Community Forestry Management Plan *
 - #10-80 Authorization of Agreement for 2009 Business Stimulus Fund-N.J. Forestry Service *
 - #10-81 Temporary Budget Amendment *
 - #10-82 Authorization of Transfer Between Budget Appropriations *
 - #10-83 Temporary Capital Budget Amendment *
 - #10-84 NJEIT Phase III-Authorization of Submission of Loan Application and Design Documents *
 - #10-85 Authorization to Hire DPW Seasonal Help *
 - #10-86 Approval of St. John’s Council #1345 Fund Drive *
 - #10-87 Approval of Little League On-premise 50/50 Cash Raffle, ID#109-5-29102, RL#316 *
 - #10-88 Authorization to Amend Police Chief Agreement *
- Motion to adopt: Councilman Manna
Second: Councilman Carrick
Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou
Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen – 90 Teak Road- questioned the website bill and whether it is paid each month.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1404 Bond Ordinance Amending Description of Bond Ordinance #1380-Parks and Fields Improvements to Include Lightning Detection System, TwinBoro Field and Improvements to other Borough Parks and Fields

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

First Reading

#1405 Bond Ordinance amending in its entirety Bond Ordinance No.1364 adopted April 16, 2008 entitled: “bond ordinance providing for various general improvements appropriating \$652,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$619,400 bonds and/or notes of the borough for paying the cost thereof and making the down payment for said improvements, authorized to be undertaken in and by the Borough of Dumont, in the county of Bergen, New Jersey”, to increase the appropriation to \$852,000 and the authorized bonds and/or notes to \$809,400 and to make such other conforming changes as necessary. Ordinance #1405 will correct a technical flaw in the adoption of Bond Ordinance #1397.

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Councilman Manna clarified that improvements to the Library are included in this Bond Ordinance. The Borough had received a matching grant from the County. The full amount must be included in the ordinance and then half of the amount will be reimbursed by the County.

Motion to adopt on first reading: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Caspare

Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Caspare, Freeman, Manna, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general participation: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

1. Robert MacDonald-75 Lucille Avenue-spoke of concerns about the brine that the DPW is applying before snowstorms; fire hydrants missing markers and not being maintained by homeowner; and a shrub on the intersection of Romano and Hamilton, which prevents vehicles from seeing properly.
2. Paul Eisenmann-250 Gorge Road, Cliffside Park- representing Citizens Campaign (a Statewide Group interested in having all municipalities and counties to pass "Pay to Play" ordinances) and Bergen Grassroots (a County organization which volunteers to do Citizens Campaign work in Bergen County).
3. Sal Maurice-25 Druid Avenue-presented Boy Scout neckerchiefs to the Governing Body in appreciation for recognition of their centennial. He also had a concern about commuters parking on his street and asked for signs.
4. Kai Chen-90 Teak Road-asked the status of tax collection receipts to date.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Manna

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Manna

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Borough Clerk